

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-23

Bill No. 73-25 (As Amended)

Introduced by Mr. John H. O'Neill at the request of the County Executive

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AN EMERGENCY ACT to add new Section 227A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, (1965 Edition, as amended), to follow immediately after Section 227 thereof and to be under the new title, "Harford County Park System Regulations", to provide for regulations governing the use of the Harford County Park System and providing penalties for violations thereof.

By the Council August 7, 1973

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on  
September 6 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the  
Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, Monroe B. Luster, Secretary

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,  
2 Maryland, that new Section 227A be, and it is hereby, added to the  
3 Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, (1965 Edition, as  
4 amended), and to be under the title "Harford County Park System  
5 Regulations," and to read as follows:

6 (1) Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the  
7 "Harford County Park System Regulations."

8 (2) Applicability - The provisions of this Ordinance  
9 shall apply in and upon all Department park lands and facilities  
10 within Harford County, Maryland.

11 (3) Definitions - Except where the context clearly  
12 indicates otherwise, the following terms as used in this  
13 Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

14 ~~(a) The term, "Department", shall mean any lands~~  
15 ~~or facilities owned or leased by the County of Harford and~~  
16 ~~designated or used by the Department for recreational, educational~~  
17 ~~or-park-purposes.~~

18 "(a) THE TERM 'DEPARTMENT' SHALL MEAN 'THE HARFORD  
19 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.'"

20 (4) Permits

21 (a) Permits for exclusive use of any park facility  
22 may be issued to any group or organization at the discretion of  
23 the Department.

24 (b) Application for a permit shall be made upon a  
25 form furnished by the Department and shall be accompanied by any  
26 fee required by the Division of Permits and Licenses.

27 (c) No permit shall be issued to anyone under the  
28 age of eighteen (18) years.

29 ~~(d) The holder of a group permit issued by the~~

1 DEPARTMENT SHALL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION  
2 OF PARK PROPERTY BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS COVERED BY THE PERMIT."

3 (e) All permits shall be displayed upon the  
4 request of Department personnel or law enforcement agencies with  
5 enforcement duties within Harford County, Maryland.

6 (5) Destruction of Buildings, Markers, Monuments and  
7 Other Properties - No person shall deface, alter, injure or dis-  
8 turb any monuments, boundary line, physical structure, land,  
9 installation, notices, signs, historical or prehistorical ruin.

10 (6) Fires - No person shall:

11 (a) Build, or cause to be built, any fire except  
12 within designated fire receptacles.

13 (b) Leave any fire unless attended by a responsible  
14 person.

15 (7) Wildlife - No person shall:

16 (a) Pursue, catch, molest, or kill any wildlife.

17 (b) Disturb any nest, den or burrow of any animal  
18 or fowl.

19 (c) Cause or permit any dog, cat or other domes-  
20 ticated animal to run at large or to create a nuisance.

21 (8) Fishing - No person shall fish in any park waters  
22 where fishing is expressly prohibited.

23 (9) Boating - No person shall:

24 (a) Operate any watercraft upon any park waters,  
25 except at such time or place as may be designated for such purpose  
26 by the Department.

27 (b) Operate any powered watercraft on any park  
28 waters without written permission of the Department.

29 (c) Operate any watercraft in such a negligent

1 for such purpose.

2 (11) Camping - No person shall camp on park grounds,  
3 except by permit and in such areas as may be designated for such  
4 purpose by the Department.

5 (12) Operation and Parking of Motor Driven Vehicles -  
6 No person shall:

7 (a) Operate, stop, stand or park a vehicle in such  
8 a manner as to block or partially block any fire trail, campsite,  
9 road, maintenance road, boat ramp or horse trail.

10 (b) Operate any type of minibike, trail bike,  
11 all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile or other vehicle that cannot be  
12 registered for operation on the public highways, except in areas  
13 designated for such use by the Department and then only while  
14 wearing protective safety glasses or shields and helmet.

15 (c) Operate any vehicle of a class eligible for  
16 registration for operation on public highways, except upon road-  
17 ways or within areas otherwise designated by the Department for  
18 the use of said vehicles.

19 (d) When operating any vehicle, fail to yield the  
20 right-of-way to any person riding a horse, unless said vehicle is  
21 being operated on Federal, State, County or Municipal road.

22 (13) Horses - No person shall ride a horse, pony, or  
23 other animal in such a negligent manner as to endanger life, limb,  
24 or property.

25 (14) Trespass - No person shall remain upon park  
26 property at any time between sunset of any day and sunrise of the  
27 following day except at areas designated for camping, or upon the  
28 issuance of a permit by the Department.

29 No person shall remain upon park property after a

1 solicit business of any nature whatever, collect any funds for  
2 any service or charity, distribute handbills or other advertising  
3 matter, or post any signs, on any park lands, waters, or structures  
4 unless authorized by the Department in writing.

5 (16) Hindering Employees - No person shall interfere  
6 with any employee or agent of the Department in the performance  
7 of any official duty.

8 (17) Use of Loudspeaker, Public Address System or Ampli-  
9 fier - No person shall use a loudspeaker, public address system,  
10 or amplifier, within or upon Department property without a permit  
11 issued by the Department.

12 (18) Firearms - No person shall have in his possession  
13 any firearm while upon park property. This section shall not  
14 apply to any persons authorized by law to carry firearms in the  
15 discharge of their official duties.

16 (19) Littering - No person shall:

17 (a) Discard, deposit, dump or allow to blow away,  
18 refuse of any kind in or upon park property except by placing  
19 said refuse in container provided for such purpose.

20 (b) Dispose of any refuse on park property whether  
21 disposed of in a receptacle or not, if such refuse is not a  
22 result of use within the park property.

23 (20) Skating and Coasting - No person shall:

24 (a) Skate, sled, walk or go upon any ice, or ski,  
25 except at such time and place as may be designated for said  
26 purpose by the Department.

27 (b) Coast with handsleds, bobsleds, carts, or  
28 other vehicles, on wheels or runners, except at such time and  
29 place as may be designated for said purpose by the Department.

1 machine, show any animals, or indulge in any exhibitions nor  
2 shall any person carry on any performance which shall cause  
3 persons to congregate so as to interfere with the proper use  
4 of the park by the general public or to obstruct the passage of  
5 vehicles or persons, without first having obtained a permit from  
6 the Department.

7 (22) Fees and Charges - No person shall use any facility,  
8 land or area for which a fee or charge had been established by  
9 the Department without payment of such fee or charge.

10 (23) Penalties and Arrests - It shall be a misdemeanor  
11 to violate any regulation or rule stated herein, and any person  
12 so convicted of a violation shall be fined not less than One  
13 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), nor more than One Thousand Dollars  
14 (\$1,000.00), and may be sentenced to six (6) months in jail,  
15 either, or both, in the discretion of the Court before whom  
16 the person shall be tried.

17 (24) Severability - The provisions of this Ordinance  
18 are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this  
19 Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal,  
20 or invalid, such unconstitutionally, illegality or invalidity  
21 shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions,  
22 sentences, clauses or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby  
23 declared to be the intention of the County Council of Harford  
24 County, Maryland, that this Ordinance would have been adopted  
25 had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause  
26 or section not have been included herein.

27 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that an emergency affecting  
28 the public welfare and safety exists in that law enforcement  
29 agencies lack adequate laws for the regulation of activities

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed October 2, 1973 (LSD 73-29) (With Amendments)~~Text of Passage~~

By order

Imogene B. Johnston, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for his  
 approval this 3rd day of October, 1973 at  
11:50 o'clock A.M.

Imogene B. Johnston, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Charles B. Anderson, Jr.  
 Charles B. Anderson, Jr., County Executive  
 Date 10-3-73

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the  
 Council, becomes law on October 3, 1973.